

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 223
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Vernon E. Richards.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Vernon E. "Buck" Richards on March 2, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richards was an exemplary individual and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, as an esteemed member of the Bristol community, he was active in numerous civic activities, including the Civitan Club, the Optimist Club, and the United Commercial Travelers, of which he was both a member and Past Grand Councilor and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richards was an active and devout member of the Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the choir and as a Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, Buck Richards was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richards enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Evelyn Simcox Richards, for more than fifty-eight years and was the proud father of Linda Richards Musick; and

WHEREAS, he also will be sorely missed by his beloved granddaughter, Christy Stipes, and her husband, Ben; his grandson, Kevin L. Musick; his sisters, Beulah and Evelyn Richards, Marie James, and Shirley Jenkins, and three nephews; and

WHEREAS, Buck Richards leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Vernon E. "Buck" Richards as a friend, a family man, and a humble servant to the Lord, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Richards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.